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Applicant : Ernest G. Hope et al.
Serial No. : 09/382,088
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Title : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR PROTECTING ORGANS, TISSUE
AND CELLS FROM IMMUNE SYSTEM-MEDIATED DAMAGE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed August 29, 2001, applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-7). Regarding the species elections, the applicants make the following elections:

Hsp47 polypeptide--a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence AVLSAEQLR;

Contact--*in vivo*; and

Specific cause of immune mediated damage--graft versus host disease.

The election is made without traverse. A Petition for Extension of Time with the appropriate fee is enclosed. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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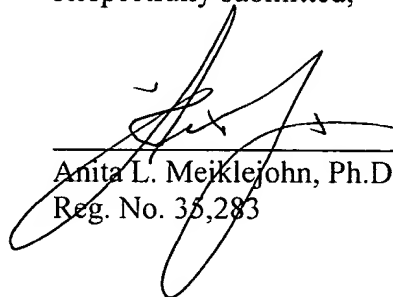
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